

that there is an easy method, which is nearly good as thorough cooking, and which consists in pouring boiling water on the meal that is to

**Pruning and Laying down the Vine.** Now, the main thing to be looked at in trimming, is to allow the vine to cover as much space as the roots will support, and so place it as to get the full benefit of the sun. Perhaps your vine has grown two shoots of eight or ten feet in length. So, it has done well. When you trim it back to within four five buds of the old cane. If one vine or shoot has grown longer than the other, it is well to trim for the shorter, must trim your vines so that they will reach away the same number of feet. Now the vine is trimmed, let it be laid down carefully, and cover it with the soil to the depth of a couple of inches; avoid covering too deep, you may smother it. The proper time to trim is in the fall, after the leaves have fallen. But, in general rule, it should be done before any freezing weather.

**Ag. Society.**

**Horses.** First premium for stallions, L C Leadbetter, *Waverly*, \$4; 2d, Ethel E Lancaster, *Manchester*, \$3; 3d, Al Lancaster, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for fillies, \$4; 2d, by her sire, B F Lancaster, *East Wintthrop*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for yearlings, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for colts, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for fillies, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for stallions, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for fillies, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for yearlings, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2. First premium for colts, \$4; 2d, *Waverly*, \$3; 3d, *Waverly*, \$2.

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at 3 P.M., and lasted until dark. The rebels then, taking advantage of the darkness, succeeded in crossing the river, though many were killed by our artillery. The rebels were then driven back to the river, and the army followed them. The rebels were then driven back to the river, and the army followed them. The rebels were then driven back to the river, and the army followed them.

From Arkansas—Occupation of an Important Point by Federal Troops. New York, Oct. 28. A Western paper says intelligence has been received of the occupation of Batesville, Ark., by a body of troops detached from Gen. Steele's force at Little Rock. There were 300 or 400 rebel troops in the place at that time, but they evacuated the town and fled before our forces.

Batesville is the most important place in North-west Arkansas, and its occupation by our troops will be of material advantage in expelling the rebels from that region. Gen. Fox, commanding the district of South-east Missouri, and the army of the Potomac, are now at the head of the river, and will be long occupied at that point.

Gradual Advance of the Army of the Potomac. Washington, Oct. 28. The *Chronicle* of this morning says that the army of the Potomac this morning does not indicate any material change in the position of affairs as yet. On Monday the rebels increased their corps of observation on the left side of the river, and yesterday made an advance of one or two miles, apparently for the purpose of ascertaining the position of General Meade's army.

Meade's army has been gradually advancing the present week. Although most of our officers do not expect a movement of magnitude out of the question at present, owing to the advanced state of the season, and the fact that the army is advancing slowly and in compactness with the view to bring on a general engagement if possible.

Important from Chattanooga—Fire opened upon Sumter and Fort Jackson. Fort Monroe, Oct. 28. The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 27th contains the following highly important intelligence. The army of the Potomac, on the 27th, was engaged in a battle with the rebels. The rebels were then driven back to the river, and the army followed them.

The fire was principally directed against Fort Sumter and Johnson: two monitors were also engaged. The firing ceased at dusk. One hundred shots were fired from Morris Island and 100 from the monitors.

We fired from Fort Moultrie. No damage done as yet. Our batteries replied by firing. From Chattanooga—The Rebels Driven from Lookout Mountain. New York, Oct. 28. The *Times* has the following special dispatch from Chattanooga, Oct. 27, via Nashville Oct. 28.

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